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Remarks

Claims 1-4 and 6-48 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 5. Claims 26-48 are new. Support for the new claims can be found in claims 1-15 as originally filed, and in particular, claims 6, 8 and 17.

Claims 1-4, 9-16, 18-19, and 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,888,621 to Frohlich. With the amendment to claim 1, Applicants submit that the rejection is moot.

Conclusion

All outstanding objections and rejections are believed to have been met and overcome. If a telephonic conference with Applicants' undersigned representative would be useful in advancing the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (651) 733-2180. A notice of allowance for all pending claims is respectfully solicited.

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